

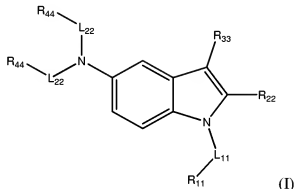
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-24 (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition comprising ~~a compound according to claim 1~~ and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient, or diluent together with a compound of formula (I):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

L¹¹ is carboxyl, or a covalent bond when R¹¹ is H;

R¹¹ is H except when L¹¹ is carboxyl, phenyl substituted with 1-3 R⁵⁰, or C₄₋₆-heteroaryl containing 1-3 heteroatoms selected from the group N, S, and O and substituted with 1-3 R⁵⁰;

R²² is H, or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R³³ is H, CH₃ or C₁₋₃ alkyl;

each L²² is independently carboxyl (C(O)), C₁₋₃ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkylC(O) or a covalent bond;

each R⁴⁴ is independently H, optionally substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl, optionally substituted C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, optionally substituted C₃₋₇ heterocycloalkyl containing at least one N, O or S atom, C₃₋₇ cycloalkanone, optionally substituted C₃₋₇ monocyclic or C₇₋₁₃ bicyclic aryl, optionally substituted C₃₋₆ monocyclic or C₅₋₁₃ bicyclic heteroaryl containing at least one N, O, or S atom, or optionally substituted C₃₋₆ monocyclic or C₅₋₁₃ bicyclic heterocycle containing at least one N, O, or S atom, wherein said optional substitutions are one to four R⁶ groups;

each R⁵⁰ is independently H, halo, Cl, F, CF₃, C₁-C₃ per fluoro, C₁-C₃ per halo, -OC₁-C₃ per halo, NO₂, CH₃, R⁷, -OCH₃, -OR⁷, -SR⁷, -CN, -NHR⁷, -N(R⁷)₂, -CON(H)R²³CON(R⁷)₂, -R²³N(H)R⁷, -R²³N(R⁷)₂;

each R⁶ is independently H, halo, Cl, F, -CF₃, -NO₂, -R⁵⁰, -SR⁵⁰, -OR⁵⁰, -CN, N(R⁵⁰)₂, -C(O)R⁵⁰, -R²³C(O)R⁵⁰, -CON(R⁵⁰)₂, C₄-C₆ cycloalkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkanone, C₄₋₆ cycloalkylamine, C₃₋₆ monocyclic or C₅₋₁₃ bicyclic heteroaryl containing at least one N, O, or S atoms or a C₆-C₁₂ monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle containing at least one N, O, or 5 atom;

R⁷ is H, halo or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R²³ is a bond or is C₁-C₆ alkyl;

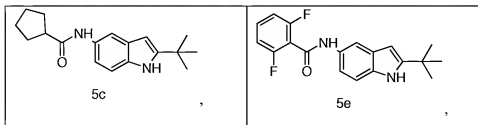
with the proviso that R²² is not CH₃ when R¹¹ is H.

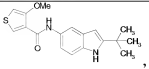
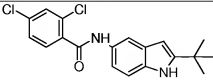
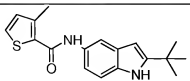
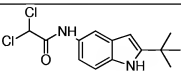
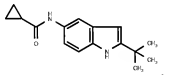
26. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition according to claim 25 wherein ~~for said compound~~ at least one L²² is carboxyl.

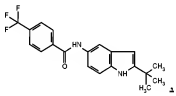
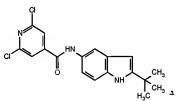
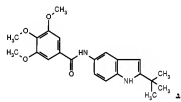
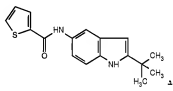
27. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition according to claim 26 wherein ~~for said compound~~ the R⁴⁴ attached to said at least one L²² carboxyl is optionally substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl, optionally substituted C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, optionally substituted C₃₋₇ heterocycloalkyl containing at least one N, O or S atom, C₃₋₇ cycloalkanone, optionally substituted C₅₋₇ monocyclic or C₃₋₁₃ bicyclic aryl, optionally substituted C₃₋₆ monocyclic or C₅₋₁₃ bicyclic heteroaryl containing at least one N, O, or S atom, or optionally substituted C₃-C₁₃ monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle containing at least one N, O, or S atom.

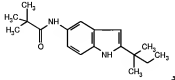
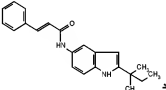
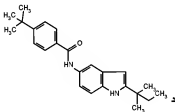
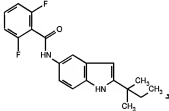
28. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition according to claim 27 wherein ~~for said compound~~ R²² is t-butyl or neo-pentyl.

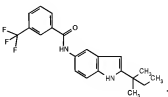
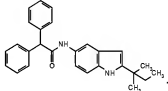
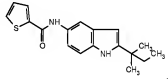
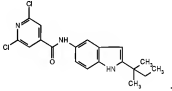
29. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition according to claim 28 wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

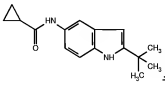
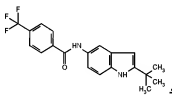


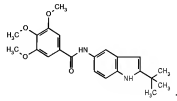
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30. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition according to claim 27 wherein for ~~said compound~~ L¹¹ is carboxyl.
31. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition according to claim 30 wherein for ~~said compound~~ R¹¹ is phenyl or pyridyl.
32. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition according to claim 31 wherein for ~~said compound~~ R²² is CH₃.
33. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition according to claim 32 wherein for ~~said compound~~ R³³ is H or CH₃.
34. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition according to claim 31 wherein for ~~said compound~~ R³³ is H or CH₃.
35. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition according to claim 25 wherein for ~~said compound~~ at least one L²² is a bond and the R⁴⁴ attached thereto is H.
- 36-37. (Canceled)

38. (Previously Presented) A method of treating a mammal infected with HCV, said method comprising administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a composition according to claim 25.
39. (Previously Presented) A method of treating a mammal infected with HCV, said method comprising administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a composition according to claim 35.
40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein said mammal is a human.
41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein said mammal is a human.